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• a photon-transparent ohmic contact for passing light energy therethrough whereby light emission through said surface emitting laser may be monitored.

11. (Twice Amended) A method for monitoring light emission from a surface emitting

laser comprising:

providing a surface emitting laser as set forth in claim 1; contacting said laser with a source of energy to generate light; and monitoring emitted light transmitted through said photon-transparent ohmic contact.